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NO USE FOR OUR MEAT

Every Port of Germany Closed Against It.

TEXAS FEVER WAS THE CAUSE.

Still Some Washington Officials Think That It Is a Retaliatory Measure Against the United States Because of the Discrimination in the Sugar Schedule of the Tariff Bill.

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—The prohibition against the landing of American cattle and American dressed meat, announced by a decree of the Hamburg senate on Saturday last, was extended yesterday to every port of Germany.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SURPRISED. Secretary Morton Interviewed on the Startling Announcement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The announcement by the Associated Press that the embargo placed upon American cattle by the senate of Hamburg had been extended to the length of an exclusion of American cattle and dressed meat from every part of Germany was received with surprise by department officials yesterday.

That the Texas fever was merely a ground which Germany could adopt for enforcing retaliatory measures against the United States because of the supposed discrimination against German interest in the sugar schedule of the tariff bill, was the prevalent impression. The German ambassador, however, assured the secretary of state yesterday that the measure of exclusion was inspired solely by sanitary reasons, and had no political motive behind it. Government officials are obliged to take this view of the case, since any other view might seem a reflection upon the ambassador.

Secretary Morton who has just returned to this city from a trip abroad, had a consultation with Secretary Gresham about the matter yesterday before the stringent measures just adopted were known. He assured Secretary Gresham that the exportation of Texas fever into Germany by American cattle was altogether improbable if not impossible, according to the opinions of the experts of the departments who have devoted much time to investigating the disease during the past year, and said that he was confident that the supposed discovery of Texas fever was a mistake.

When the Associated Press dispatch from Berlin was shown to the secretary of agriculture he expressed surprise. The exclusion of dressed meats he was at a loss to understand, because they are all inspected by competent government officials in this country before they are shipped. Texas fever, moreover, can be carried only by live cattle. The live cattle exported from this country are also inspected at the port of shipment to see that they are not diseased.

Secretary Morton said he had no doubt that the German officials intended to act in the interests of the public health in excluding American cattle, as the sanitary regulations of that country are unusually stringent upon all matters. The secretary thinks that the damage to be inflicted upon American interests by this action is greatly overestimated, as our exports of meat to Germany is comparatively light. From his observation on his recent trip, Secretary Morton is convinced that the exportation of live cattle can not be made to pay as well as shipping dressed meats. The establishment of increased facilities for shipping meats in cold storage, he thinks, will greatly increase the American business.

Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, said: "Admitting, for the sake of argument, that the cattle which are landed in Germany are infected with Texas fever, there is no longer danger to the German cattle, because even in this country cattle with this disease do not communicate it to other animals. The disease is not communicated directly from one animal to another, but animals from a certain district in the southern part of the United States are able to infect pasture, and pens in which they happen to be placed within 30 days from the time they leave this infected district. Animals which contract the disease obtain the infection from these pens and pastures, and not directly from other cattle."

"The cattle which are sick do not infect the grounds or pens, and, consequently, are not dangerous to other animals. This has been proved by many years of experience in the United States. The conveyance of Texas fever in dressed meat is impossible. These animals thus diseased do not fall sick at all themselves. They simply carry the ticks. The ticks drop off and lay their eggs and die. Those eggs must lie on ground a certain length of time before they hatch. Then the young lie there a certain length of time before they get on the cattle and another length of time elapses before they produce the disease."

Badly Injured While Blasting. VERSAILLES, Ind., Oct. 31.—Dr. F. C. Sweetzay, Populist candidate for representative, was badly injured while blasting his well with an explosive he made himself. He lost his thumb and one finger, and an arm is mangled and broken, and will probably have to be amputated. His face is badly disfigured and he is internally injured. His recovery is doubtful.

Presidential Appointment. WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The president has appointed William M. Campbell of Minnesota United States marshal for Minnesota in place of J. Adam Bede, resigned.

CABINET MEETING.

Considerable Business Dispatched, Several Questions Being Disposed Of.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The usual semi-weekly cabinet meeting was held at the White House yesterday with all the members in attendance, except Secretary Smith, who, it is understood, remained away as a measure of precaution, owing to the appearance of smallpox in his department. Considerable business was dispatched at the meeting, several questions being disposed of that had been pending in the various departments for many weeks. One of the questions considered, it is understood, was the case of Howard, Mr. Morton's under-coachman.

Reports having been circulated that the cabinet meeting resulted in the manifestation of a difference of opinion between Secretary Carlisle and Attorney General Olney, it can be stated with emphasis that there is no truth or foundation in fact for the report.

THE DRIVER SHOT.

A Stage Held Up, but the Lone Highwayman Secured No Booty.

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Oct. 31.—Arthur Meyer, driver of the stage running between this place and North Bloomfield, was shot and instantly killed by a highwayman yesterday afternoon. At Rock Creek, three miles north of here, the incoming stage was stopped by a lone highwayman, who commanded Meyer to get down out of the box. Meyer refused, and the bandit fired twice at him with a revolver. The second shot passed through the driver's body.

C. H. Bovee of Sierra county, who was the only passenger, jumped from the coach and ran into the forest. After the robber had gone Bovee came out of the bushes, took charge of the coach and horses and brought the dead stage to town. So far as known the robber secured no booty.

TRYING TO ARBITRATE.

Differences Between the Miners and Operators in the Massillon District.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31.—The board of arbitration to which will be submitted the differences between the miners and the operators of the Massillon coal district, held its first meeting yesterday. The members are Judge E. J. Elandin of this city, chosen by the operators; Rev. James Kuhn of Massillon, chosen by the miners, and W. S. Kerruish, Esq., selected by these two.

The miners were championed by the Secretary Patrick McBride of the United Mine Workers and the operators were represented by Judge W. R. Day of Canton. After discussing the scope and procedure of the investigation the board decided to draw up rules for its guidance, which will be submitted to both parties next Saturday.

Big Suit Begun.

DULUTH, Oct. 31.—Alfred Moirrett has brought suit against John D. Rockefeller and President F. T. Gates of the Lake Superior consolidated iron mines, which controls the Mesaba range, for \$1,225,400, to which extent he claims he was damaged by the fraudulent representations of defendants in regard to the condition of the mines on the Gogebic range and in Cuba, all of which, at the time it was proposed to consolidate them with the Mesaba properties, it is alleged, were very poor properties, one of them being insolvent.

Ended a Spree by Suiciding.

LEMA, O., Oct. 31.—News of the sudden death of Max Weisenthal at Rock Island, Ill., was received by the family here Monday evening, and yesterday the information that he suicided followed. He was a member of one of the prominent Jewish families of the city and was on the road for a Chicago house. He lost several positions on account of drink and ended a spree by taking morphine. He will be buried in Dayton.

Fell From His Buggy While Asleep.

LANCASTER, O., Oct. 31.—Will J. Miller, who mysteriously disappeared Sunday night, was found Monday evening wandering about several miles from where he was supposed to have met injury or death. He was in a dazed state of mind, but his friends finally succeeded in learning that as he drove home Sunday midnight he went to sleep and fell from the buggy. His injuries are so serious his life is despaired of.

Charged With Burglary.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Oct. 31.—Early yesterday morning William Skillman was caught by two farmers emerging from a residence with keys in his hand and he was arrested on a charge of burglary. Skillman claims that his home is in Cincinnati and that he has been tramping. He is attired like a farmer and in searching him a belt containing \$20 in silver and a number of keys were found.

Searching For a Forger.

TORONTO, Oct. 31.—An officer from Springfield, O., was in the city last evening in search of Charles E. Morris, attorney at law and ex-police judge of that city, who is wanted for the crimes of forgery and embezzlement. Morris is known to have been in Toronto, but left before the officer arrived.

Gave a Forged Check.

SIDNEY, O., Oct. 31.—A young man giving his name as Frank Smith, appeared at the millinery store of Mrs. McNutt, purchased a lady's hat and in payment gave a check purporting to be signed by O. S. Marshall, the grain dealer. The check was a forgery. Smith has skipped.

BUCYRUS, O., Oct. 31.—Emanuel Dies, eight miles east of Bucyrus, climbed a tree to shake down a squirrel, and, losing his footing, fell to the ground, sustaining fatal injuries.

HONORE MERCIER DEAD.

The Ex-President of Canada Passes Away, a Victim of Diabetes.

MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—Honore Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec, died yesterday. The end had been expected any time during the preceding 24 hours, and hope of recovery had been given up weeks ago. Mr. Mercier had been suffering from a complication of diseases for years past, diabetes predominating.



EX-PREMIER MERCIER.

Honore Mercier was born at St. Athanase, County of Iberville, province of Quebec, on Oct. 23, 1840. He was educated at the Jesuit college in Montreal, and began the study of law. He also entered the journalistic field, and was for a period editor of the *Courier de St. Hyacinthe*, which supported the Conservative party. Mercier was admitted to the bar in 1865. For some years he devoted himself to his profession, but in 1872 he was elected as a Liberal to the house of commons. His career in the Dominion parliament was short, as he retired in 1874 and resumed the practice of his profession. In 1879 he was elected to the provincial legislature, and was appointed solicitor general.

In 1883, on the retirement of M. Joly, Mercier was elected leader of the Quebec Liberals. The feeling aroused by the execution of Riel, the leader of the half-breed rebellion in the northwest, gave him a great opportunity, and when the election of 1886 came on he organized a brilliant campaign which led to the defeat of the Conservative government. Mr. Mercier was summoned to form a cabinet on Jan. 27, 1887. His administration was full of exciting incidents. As premier he was a staunch champion of French Canadians and their rights. One of the most important acts of his administration was the settlement of the Jesuit estate question, by which the Jesuits were paid a large amount of money and which provoked a storm of indignation.

Mercier was surrounded at Quebec by a number of hungry followers and when the *Baie des Chaleurs* railway exposure came in 1891, he was dismissed from office by Lieutenant Governor Angers and was a few weeks afterward defeated at the polls. Since then he has not taken much part in politics, as his health had been rapidly declining, but he attracted considerable attention on account of his advocacy of Canadian independence.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Three Unknown Men Who Were Stealing a Ride Were Instantly Killed.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Oct. 31.—As the result of a wreck on the Beach Creek railroad at an early hour yesterday morning, three persons were instantly killed and one was fatally injured. The wreck occurred at a point between Peale and Viaduct, and was caused by a brake beam dropping. Seventeen cars were piled in a mass. The trainmen at once set to work to release a man who had been stealing a ride, who was wedged beneath the debris. Before they had proceeded far it was discovered that there were others in the wreck, and before it was all removed, three bodies had been taken out.

The names of the three victims could not be ascertained, but it is believed that they are burglars, as they had two complete kits of burglars' tools; each man also carried a revolver. On the clothes of one of the men was found the name of "C. Carr." This was all that was found which in any way could tend to their identity. One man was decapitated and another had a leg severed. The bodies were taken to Viaduct.

Another Victim of the Dynamite Outrage.

WILKESBARR, Pa., Oct. 31.—Kasha Goterich, another of the victims of the dynamite explosion on the Wilkesbarr mountain, died at the hospital yesterday. He was 19 years old. This makes four now dead, and the man whose back is broken will make a fifth in a short time. The county commissioners have decided to increase the reward offered for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of the crime from \$1,000 to \$2,000. McDonald and Sayre, the railroad contractors, offer in addition a reward of \$500.

New Military Prison Board.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—An order has been issued from the war department dissolving the military prison board and appointing a new board. The old board was composed of Brigadier General Wesley Merritt, Quartermaster General Bachelor, Lieutenant Colonel T. E. Barr and Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Corbin. The new board is composed of Brigadier General McCook, Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Corbin, Lieutenant Colonel Guy V. Henry, Fifty cavalry, and Major G. B. Davis, recorder.

Child's Eyes Picked Out.

KENT, O., Oct. 31.—The little child of Mrs. James Lewis was attacked by a big rooster Monday and both of its eyes were picked out.

Slight Increase in Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The cash balance in the treasury yesterday was \$119,309,193; gold reserve \$61,452,184.

CHINESE WERE OUTMATCHED.

Such Is the Official Report Made on the Result of the Yalu Battle.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Tientsin: The greater part of the Chinese forces was destroyed before Chu Leang Cheng was evacuated. General Hung's official report praises the valor of the troops, but confesses that they were out-matched by the enemy's weapons and training. The Times also publishes a dispatch from Peking, saying that the government is assuming a complete initiative in national affairs, which have hitherto been directed by Li Hung Chang.

Colonel Von Hannekin Starts For Peking. SHANGHAI, Oct. 31.—Colonel Von Hannekin has received the imperial edict and has started for Peking, where he will be given an audience by the emperor, who is anxious to consult him in reference to the state of China's defenses. Colonel Von Hannekin will present a memorial advising reforms in the armies and navies of the whole empire, which are urgently needed.

Japanese Make Another Capture.

HIROSHIMA, Oct. 31.—The Japanese forces which have been pursuing the Chinese north of the Yalu river, captured at Antung 20 guns, many rifles and quantities of ammunition and provisions.

The Young Empress Suicides.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—A special from Shanghai says the young Empress of China has committed suicide. She was rebuked by the emperor, who snipped her face, whereupon she took poison.

Japs Searching For the Chinese Vessels.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 31.—Hearing that the Chinese fleet had left Wei-hai-wei, the Japanese fleet has started eastward in search of the Chinese vessels.

BOLD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

A Chicago Jewelry Store Plundered by Two Desperate Men.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—A daring robbery was committed in the heart of the business center of the city yesterday afternoon. The amount of plunder secured is not exactly known, but was given as \$8,000 in watches and other jewelry. Soon after 2 o'clock G. W. Brethauer, the senior member of the firm of Brethauer & Company, wholesale jewelers, at 71 Washington street, left the office, leaving his son in charge. The office of the firm is in room 1 on the first floor of the building. It is located in the southwest corner and in plain view of occupants of the office buildings round about.

Young Brethauer says he was bending over a showcase full of watches in the rear of the room when two men entered the door. One of them carried a revolver in his hand and the other was armed with a piece of lead pipe about two feet long. The jeweler was commanded to throw up his hands, which he was not slow in doing. The two men ordered him into the vault, the door of which stood open. Brethauer demurred and one of the men, he says, caught him by the throat, threw him into the vault and pushed the door shut.

The thieves then proceeded to ransack the showcases and scoop the watches into a gunnysack. The door of the safe stood open and the bandits emptied the cashbox in it, obtaining a considerable sum of money. All this required only a few moments, and the men soon made their escape. The senior Brethauer returned about 9:30 and soon heard a sound of pounding on the vault door. The vault door was hastily opened and the imprisoned man taken out nearly exhausted. So far no trace of the thieves has been obtained.

PRIZE FIGHT IN BALTIMORE.

Stanton Abbott of England Knocks Out Charles Gehring in Three Rounds.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 31.—Stanton Abbott of England and Charles Gehring, amateur champion of the United States, fought at the Academy of Music last night. The fight was announced to be a six-round go. From the start Gehring began to force the fight, and the 1,000 spectators applauded every time he landed a blow. Abbott protected his face with his hands, and the body blows he got were when he was retreating.

The first two rounds looked like honors would be even at the end of the sixth round. Abbott was waiting for an opening to get in his right and led Gehring on. At the beginning of the third round he got the opening he wanted and landed a staggering blow on Gehring's neck. Gehring then became a little more cautious, and again Abbott became apparently careless. He led Gehring on, and when he got the opening he wanted he made a half right-arm swing and caught Gehring under the ear. Gehring fell, but was up again in eight seconds. Abbott measured his distance and again let his right go. This time he caught Gehring on the point of the jaw, and Gehring went down and out.

Gehring won the amateur championship in New York city last March, whipping four men in two nights.

Wheel Works Damaged by Fire.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Oct. 31.—The Bettendorf wheel works were almost totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$13,000. The establishment is owned and operated by the Eagle iron works of this city. A boy was killed by a hosecart going to the fire, the wheels passing over his neck.

LARAIN, O., Oct. 31.—While a number of men were digging a deep trench yesterday at the new Johnson steel works, the earth caved in. A man named Griffin was instantly killed and a companion, whose name was not learned, was fatally injured.

THE CZAR DANGEROUS

A Marked Change For the Worse in His Condition.

HE IS PERFECTLY CONSCIOUS.

He Converses With His Physicians and His Relatives—The Prince and Princess of Wales Summoned to the Sick Bedside. The King and Queen of Holland Will Accompany Them to Livadia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.—The latest dispatch from Livadia confirms the previous ones announcing a marked change for the worse in the czar's condition. The most pronounced symptoms are those of congestion of the lobe of his left lung, greatly increased coughing and raising of blood. The dispatch adds that his majesty's condition is extremely dangerous.

A private telegram from Yalta says that the doctors in attendance on his majesty held an unusual long consultation last night. The emperor is conscious and able to converse with the doctors and his relatives. The czarina never leaves the sickroom.

His majesty suffers heroically and makes no complaint. Monday he tried to attend to state papers and letters but was obliged to stop by violent fits of coughing, which lasted some hours. The coughing was accompanied by intense pain, and then blood appeared in the phlegm, the doctors were undecided at first as to whether the blood was from the throat or lungs. The cough continued all night. The czar made no attempt to return to his bed but remained in his armchair.

Dr. Zacharin is of the opinion that a portion of the clotted blood got into the left lung and produced inflammation. It is hoped now that the clot may get absorbed, otherwise breathing will seriously be impeded.

When the doctors went to his room at the usual time last night his majesty declined to receive them until 9 o'clock.

Prince of Wales Going to Livadia.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—At the urgent request of the czarina, which was received at Marlborough house yesterday afternoon, the Prince and Princess of Wales started this morning for Livadia, and will travel night and day until they get there.

A special dispatch from Copenhagen says: In consequence of an urgent telegram, the king and his wife will start today for Livadia. They will join the Prince and Princess of Wales on the way.

SPANISH MINISTRY RESIGN.

A Cabinet Crisis Which Will Be Found to Be Difficult of Solution.

MADRID, Oct. 31.—As a result of the cabinet council held yesterday the ministers have tendered their resignations. Minister Sagasta has gone to inform the queen regent of the action of the cabinet. It is believed that the crisis will be found to be difficult of solution.

Though the causes that have led to the resignation of the Spanish ministry can not at present be positively stated, it is pretty safe to assume that the crisis was partly precipitated by colonial questions. The government recently arranged with the Bank of Spain for an advance of 10,000,000 pesetas in Spanish silver dollars to replace the Mexican dollars in the Porto Rico company. This project was strenuously opposed by Senor Maura, the colonial minister, but his colleagues persisted in carrying out the arrangement and Senor Maura resigned. This, however, was but one of the serious differences in the cabinet on the government's colonial policy.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

A New York Man Kills His Wife and Then Takes His Own Life.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Frederick Mertz, 45 years old, a German baker, shot and killed his wife, Maria, 32 years old, at their home on Forty-second street last night and then put a bullet into his own brain. Mertz died instantly, but the woman survived a few minutes.

The shooting took place in the rooms of the couple on the third floor of the building. No one was there to witness the scene which preceded the double tragedy, but it is supposed the man, who is said to have been under the influence of liquor at the time, committed the crime in a fit of drunken frenzy and jealousy. It is known that he often chided his wife on account of her alleged intimacy with George Wissar, who had lived with the family a long time as a boarder.

LEFT UNPAID BILLS BEHIND.

The Husband of One of Vanderbilt's Grand-daughters Skips Out.

MOUNT VERNON, O., Oct. 31.—A mild sensation was enacted in Mount Vernon society when it became known that Mr. E. Lewis Atherton, the husband of one of Commodore Vanderbilt's grand-daughters, took "French leave" Saturday night, leaving an unlimited number of unpaid bills behind.

Mr. Atherton and his bride came to Mount Vernon early last spring and rented a flat in the Larimore apartment house. He was engaged while here in writing a book, and, for amusement, coached the Kenyon football team. Dunn & Company have issued an attachment on their goods. His wife left New York a couple of weeks ago.

Little Child Fatally Burned.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Oct. 31.—A little child of Rev. B. F. Spriggs of Bennett's Mill, Ky., fell into the fire and was fatally burned.